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# INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO/SB/08 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56.

A copy of each non-U.S. patent document and each non-patent document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

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## TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(c), before the mailing date of either a final action under 37 CFR §1.113, a notice of allowance under 37 CFR §1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application.

## RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

An English-language abstract of the foreign-language documents has been provided. Consequently, the absence of a full translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign language documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609).

Applicants respectfully request that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

#### **FEE**

A credit card payment form in the amount of \$180.00 is enclosed in accordance with 37 CFR \$1.17(p) to cover the fee associated with an information disclosure statement under 37 CFR \$1.97(c) in the amount of \$180.00.

Respectfully submitted,

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